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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A.)

SUBJECT: FOREIGN ASSISTANCE ACT

FOR THE SECRETARY FROM HOLTON

1. WE ARE RECEIVING INQUIRIES FROM CONGRESS REGARDING YOUR INTENTIONS WITH RESPECT TO SEEKING A FOREIGN ASSISTANCE BILL IN THIS SESSION OF CONGRESS. OUR ANALYSIS HAS LED US TO CONCLUDE THAT PASSAGE OF A BILL IS NECESSARY TO OBTAIN AUTHORITY AND FUNDING FOR IMPORTANT PROGRAMS. THIS CANNOT BE ACCOMPLISHED BY A FURTHER CONTINUING RESOLUTION. WE ALSO BELIEVE THAT POLICY RESTRICTIONS CANNOT BE AVOIDED BY A CONTINUING RESOLUTION, AND THAT WE HAVE A BETTER CHANCE OF REACHING ACCOMMODATION ON RESTRICTIVE AMENDMENTS BY WORKING FOR A FOREIGN ASSISTANCE BILL.

2. WE ARE PROCEEDING TO INITIATE A DIALOGUE WITH CONGRESS AT THE STAFF LEVEL TO GAIN SUPPORT FOR ENACTMENT OF A FOREIGN ASSISTANCE BILL WHICH WILL MOVE TO HIGHER LEVELS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. IT WOULD BE UNFORTUANTE TO ORGANIZE THE MAJOR EFFORT THAT WILL BE REQUIRED, AND TO ELICIT ASSISTANCE FROM OUR FRIENDS IN CONGRESS UNLESS WE ARE PREPARED TO SUPPORT THAT EFFORT FULLY AND UNTIL THE JOB IS FINISHED.

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ANCE FROM OUR FRIENDS IN CONGRESS UNLESS WE ARE PREPARED TO SUPPORT THAT EFFORT FULLY AND UNTIL THE JOB IS FINISHED.

3. I REQUEST YOUR EXPRESS AUTHORIZATION TO CONFIRM TO
MEMBERS OF CONGRESS THAT OUR EFFORT TO OBTAIN A FOREIGN

ASSISTANCE BILL HAS YOUR FULL AND ACTIVE SUPPORT AND THAT
YOU WILL PERSONALLY PARTICIPATE IN THIS EFFORT TO THE MAX-
IMUM EXTENT POSSIBLE. RESPONSE IS NEEDED FOR DISCUSSIONS
WITH CONGRESS EARLY NEXT WEEK. INGERSOLL

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